

## Water Saving Tips for Swimming Pools

- Limit the frequency of pool refilling
- Cover the pool
  - The average uncovered pool loses one inch of water per week
  - Covering the pool can save 95% of water lost to evaporation
  - Conserves heat (which can save money for heating costs)
  - Prevents accidents
  - Reduces cleaning
- Lower the pool's water to reduce losses from splashing
  - Keep the water level one inch above the bottom of the tile
- Lower the pool temperature
  - Reducing the temperature reduces water loss to evaporation, and is particularly important when the pool is not being used
- Backwash only when necessary
- Check regularly for cracks and leaks
- Keep the pool and filters clean to reduce frequency of filter backwashing
- Run filter backwash onto lawns and shrubs or collect for reuse
- Ensure that water is absorbed before it leaves your property and avoid allowing runoff to enter adjacent properties
- If acid has been used to clean the pool, the water should be neutralized

*(SOURCE: Maryland Department of the Environment)*